



Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	Single Agency Ordinance ▼
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	First Quarter 2016
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELO?	Yes ▼
3d	URL for your WELO	http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/amendments.htm !
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	The County is using "modified landscapes" in place of the State's "rehabilitated landscapes". There is no other change outside of the terminology. Due to local conditions (the desert) we have a Very Low water use category that we have added to our pending ordinance.
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWELO), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	No additional exemptions.
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	No ▼
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	Planning & Development Services (PDS) will be implementing their own local ordinance after adoption by the Board of Supervisors sometime in early 2016. Until then, PDS will be enforcing the State's MWELO.



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5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	Single-family residential development and non-residential projects subject to discretionary review and projects seeking building permits not subject to discretionary review.
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	No permits issued that are applicable to the MWELO requirements.
6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	Acres ▼
7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	No permits issued that are applicable to the MWELO requirements.
7c	new commercial projects	No permits issued that are applicable to the MWELO requirements.
7d	landscape retrofits	None during month of December 2015
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	Landscape Documentation Package applications and Prescriptive Compliance Option checklists are required for both discretionary review projects and parcels applying for building permits.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Thorough review of projects subject to the Ordinance to verify compliance prior to approval.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	County of San Diego's Department of Planning & Development Services
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	Implementation measures include the requirement for applications and checklists; enforcement measures include plan review and site observations. The pending ordinance will include both implementation and enforcement mechanisms.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	Timeframe to implement the State's requirements has been too short given staffing and workloads. Being able to review all projects in the field is a challenge; the County will resolve that through education of inspection staff.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	The County is working with a range of internal and external stakeholders to ensure proper application of the ordinance. The County has posted the ordinance on its website to ensure that interested parties have access to the ordinance. The County has also distributed its draft ordinance to all incorporated cities within its jurisdiction.
13	Additional Comments:	Since September 2015, the County has been working with all of the incorporated cities within its jurisdiction to share the County's draft ordinance and to distribute the State MWELO and reporting requirements.

[Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to \[WELO@water.ca.gov\]\(mailto:WELO@water.ca.gov\) by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at \(916\) 651-9676.](#)